# Western Australian Cowries A Second, Revised, and Expanded Report

BY

#### CRAWFORD N. CATE

12719 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90049

(Plates 21 to 34; 5 Maps)

#### INTRODUCTION

SEVERAL IMPORTANT FACTORS have made this sequel to my 1964 report advisable. First is the need to record subsequent information gathered in the area; new range extensions are given, with special reference to the area including Port Hedland, Onslow, the outer shore of North West Cape from Yardie Creek south to Dongara; moreover, this report includes information gathered on a recent collecting expedition to the Abrolhos Islands for the express purpose of learning the extent of cypraeid populations there and the relationships of the island fauna to that of the mainland.

Secondly, the new generic arrangement of Schilder (1965, 1966), in which the species are listed in order from the most primitive to the most specialized forms, has been adopted; note should be taken, therefore, that the taxonomic arrangement used here will supersede that of Cate, 1964. A limited number of species has been shifted into different genera, and subspecific recognition has been accorded a West Australian form of Cypraea leviathan Schilder & Schilder, 1937, Zoila friendii (Gray, 1831), and Palmadusta saulae (Gaskoin, 1843).

Thirdly, photographs have been added to illustrate all the species of cowries presently known to inhabit West Australian waters, from Cape Leeuwin in the south to Port Darwin in the north. These illustrations will assist in identification, and the revised text will offer a uniform taxonomic approach to the species and their generic relationships.

The locality data as shown in CATE, 1964, will not be repeated in the new text, unless they are incidental to the listing of a newly recorded species in a previously reported area. It has also been necessary to omit latitude and longitude readings in most instances, since many of the remote collecting stations do not appear on maps. In these cases

appropriate bearings in miles will be given in relation to better known localitics.

I was able to examine a great number of cowrie species in the South Australian Museum, Adelaide, and in the West Australian Museum, Perth, as well as in many private West Australian collections. I found that most of the shells fell within the size-range of the largest and smallest shell dimensions recorded in CATE, 1964. It thereforc seemed appropriate to take an average of their sizes for use in this overall study, as a median of shell dimension. The five figures given in parentheses are, in order: length, width, and height (in millimeters), number of teeth on outer lip, and on the columellar lip. The numbers in parentheses in the text under individual species discussions indicate the locality references. The list of localities is amended to include a South Australian locality where a West Australian species has been recently discovered, or overlaps in a natural range extension.

#### THE HOUTMAN ABROLHOS ISLANDS

The Houtman Abrolhos Islands Group, often referred to as the "Houtman Rocks," is an archipelago lying approximately 49 miles off the west coast of Australia in the Indian Ocean, almost due west of Geraldton. Named for its discoverer, Cornelis de Houtman, it consists of three separate groups of islands lying approximately parallel to the mainland, between the latitudes 28° 15′ and 29° 01′ South.

Little has heretofore been known about the mollusca living in these remote island waters; our limited knowledge of the fauna is necessarily based upon the shells found in fishermen's crayfish pots, and upon visits to the islands by Archer Whitworth of Geraldton in 1964 and a recent trip of my own.

During October, 1966 (it was Spring in Australia) I visited the Houtman Abrolhos Islands, personally collecting at nearly every island of the southern Pelsart group and of the middle Easter group. The cowrie populations living in the intertidal zones were sampled and representative lots of each available species were sent home for study. In earlier years, Archer Whitworth, Geraldton, and James "Jimmy" Seabrook of Perth have made repeated trips to the islands, the former working the littoral and adjacent shallow water, the latter, in the motor vessel "Lancelin" of the Fisheries Department, Perth, using baited crayfish pots and limited dredging in the islands and other mainland offshore reef areas. It is interesting to note that many of the common mainland shore cowries are absent, as far as we have been able to determine from the Abrolhos fauna. The ecological conditions seem much the same in many instances, although the islands have, generally speaking, much rougher water and are more exposed to the storm force of the normal southerly winds. The island waters are perhaps more varied as to depth, condition of food, food source, and substrate (there appears to be a noticeable scarcity of algae; a large portion of the coral is living, thus being devoid of marine plants) and in the distribution of sand, mud, and dead coral. Shallow water - scarcely ever more than 30 fathoms deep - and the combination of many reef patterns in and out of the water, plus the endless broad, shallow-water, spongy, white coral sand flats, and minimal coral and rock habitats, must surely affect the distribution of many of the mainland mollusks.

Aside from the collectors already mentioned, the following persons should also be listed: Alec Gilbertson, Max Cramer, George Barker, Martin van der Oord, W. Hemsley, Joseph Burton, Terry Butterworth, O. Hewitt of Geraldton; F. I. "Sonny" Healy, Dongara; and Edward Nickles of Mandurah. These and many others have contributed in one way or another with specimens and information, all of which have been used in this study. For the most part these men are cray fishermen, and are to be credited for having discovered and made available such rare deep water species as Bernaya catei Schilder, 1963, Zoila marginata (GASKOIN, 1849), Z. venusta (SOWERBY, 1846), the northern form of Z. friendii (GRAY, 1831), Z. rosselli Cotton, 1948, and the round northern form of Cypraea reevei Sowerby, 1832. These rare species and others are found feeding on the bait (often fish, dried meat, but more often than not on dried split lamb's heads and other dried bone material) set in the crayfish pots.

The Wallabi Group to the north (see map) includes North Island, East and West Wallabi Islands, with North East Reef, Morning Reef, Noon Reef, and Evening Reef providing the most important collecting areas in this section.

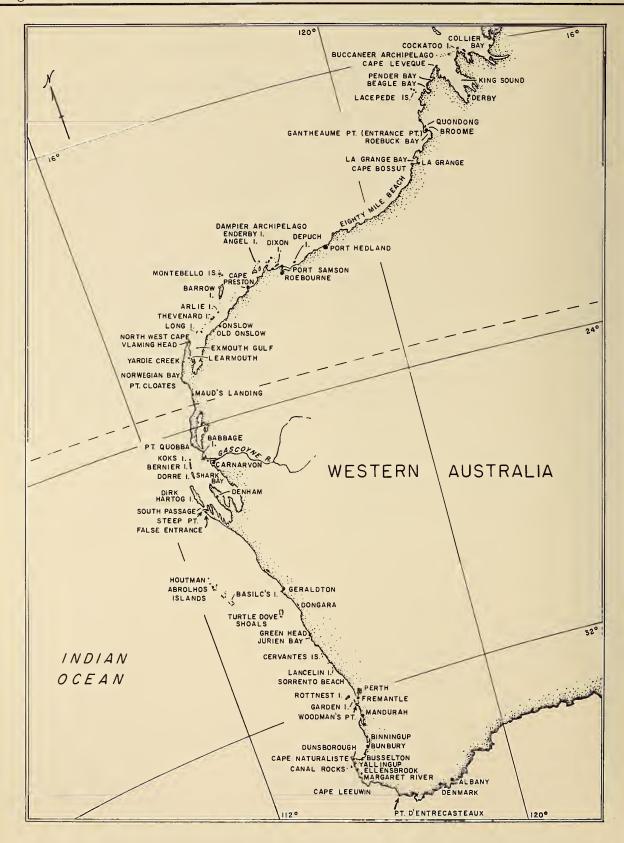
To the south of Middle Channel is the central (or middle) Easter Group, made up of numerous small islands, barely 8 to 10 feet above high water level, the largest and most important of which is Rat Island. It was at one of the fishermen's huts here that we made our headquarters during our stay at the Houtman Abrolhos Islands. Of this group Little North and Sandy Islands are the most recent of the many growing reefs to develop a permanent footing above high water mark.

The southernmost link of this coral island chain is the Pelsart Group (named after Francisco Pelsart, Captain of the Dutch trading vessel *Batavia*, wrecked in these islands on June 4, 1629), also referred to as the Southern Group, with its main island bearing the same name. The Zeewyk Channel separates this group from the Easter Group complex. Made up of a combination of reefs, partially submerged jetties, interior landlocked lagoons that rise and fall with the tide, and atoll-like sand spits, it provides excellent collecting stations, the most important of which is at Wreck Point at the west end of mile-long Pelsart Island. Otherwise, the best areas are Mangrove Island, Hummock Island, Square Island, White Banks, and King Reef, the latter becoming awash at high tide and accessible only at low tide, and then for only a short time.

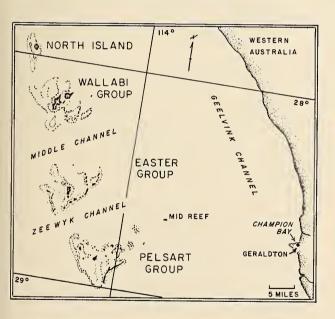
While Zoila friendii vercoi SCHILDER, 1930 is almost surely a South Australian subspecies of Z. friendii (GRAY, 1831), there are labels in Museum collections and elsewhere indicating a questionable incidence for these shells in West Australian waters. I am omitting them here as not being a part of the western fauna, but it seems pertinent to remark on them briefly at this time (see Plate 23, Figure 11, which illustrates this form). Cate coll. no. C 1706 (83.3 53.1 39.0 26 10) = (2a); no. C 3500 (76.8 49.2 35.4 24 9) = (59a); no. C 3501 (73.8 44.0 34.3 22 5) = (59a) are additional specimens for comparative statistics.

Although geographically adjacent to Zoila friendii friendii of Western Australia, Z. friendii vercoi may be considered as being an intra-population variant. WILSON & SUMMERS (1966) may be correct in their appraisal of these shells. Among other proposals, they suggest placing Z. f. vercoi into synonymy with Z. f. friendii as being "either clinical or subject to non-geographical, inter-locality variation." This may possibly be true. One way or the other, the south Australian form Z. f. vercoi does possess apertural and teeth arrangement so characteristic of Z. f. friendii, linking them very closely to one another.

I have examined 11 specimens of this subspecies, in the South Australian Museum, the West Australian Museum, and in my own collection. The answer is always the



same; the mollusks from the southwest coast localities do vary remarkably in morphological development. A student could say there is a distinct difference in these shells, and could maintain there is some point of geographical separation between the southern and western populations in the area between Cape Naturaliste and Cape Leeuwin, though it is a narrow one and open to possible question. The subspecies, Zoila friendii vercoi, does retain many of the shell characters of the western nominate species. These would include the familiar apertural appearance, the number of teeth (almost never more than 6 to 10 on the abapical columella), and their arrangement. Particularly unifying these two variants are the limited and knobby, comparatively rudimentary teeth on the abapical quarter of the columellar lip, adjacent to the fossula; the remaining three fourths of the columella, adapically, is normally smooth and without teeth. However, these shells are distinctive enough, so that for purposes of distinguish-



ing the south southwest Australian shells I am tentatively retaining the available name for this 'end of cline' group as a South Australian subspecies (see Table 1 for comparative statistics).

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

As is always the case in a work like this, many persons have given generously of their help in countless tangible and intangible ways; to them all I express my thanks. In addition to those mentioned elsewhere in this paper for

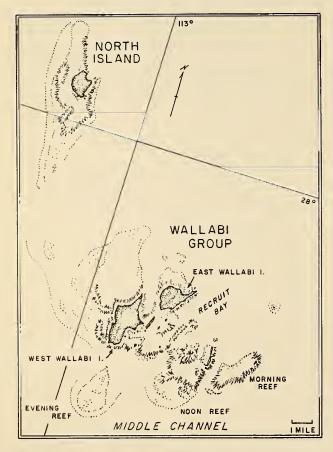
their contributions of shells and information toward this work, I wish to express my gratitude to Molly and Robert Gedling, to Iris and Robert Thomas, both families (the latter in the earlier days of this study) light keepers at Vlaming Head, North West Cape. To Brian Kember, Port Hedland, to Theodore Crake, Broome, to Mrs. D. Clarke, Onslow, to Ned Harrold, Victoria Park, Perth, to Dr. Helene Laws, South Australian Museum, Adelaide, and to Dr. Barry Wilson, West Australian Museum, Perth, for permission to inspect the collections in their care; to Mrs. Emily Reid for the excellent maps; to Takeo Susuki for assistance with photography; to Archer Whitworth, a dear friend of long standing living in Geraldton; and to Jean Cate for assistance in many helpful ways.

#### LOCALITY INDEX

Due to the wild, uninhabited nature of much of the present coastline of West Australia, distances given, and many of the indicated localities, are only approximate. Even so, they are reasonably correct as to landfall, and truly represent the localities and ranges of the Cypraeidae as we know them today.

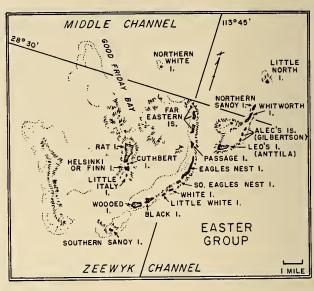
- 1. Abrolhos Islands
- 2. Airlie Island, 16 miles NNE of Onslow
- 2a. Albany, South Australia
- 3. Albany, Frenchman's Bay
- 4. Alec Gilbertson Island, Easter group, Abrolhos Islands
- 5. Alec Finlay Island (the nook), Abrolhos Islands
- 6. Anchor Island, 5 miles off-shore, 22 miles NW of Onslow
- 7. Angel Island, Dampier Archipelago
- 8. Anttila Island, Abrolhos Islands
- 9. Arch Whitworth Island, Abrolhos Islands
- 10. Ashburton Island, approximately 11 miles W of Onslow
- 14. Busselton, Geographe Bay
- 15. Barrow Island, 60 miles N of Onslow
- 16. Basilc's Island, Abrolhos Islands
- 17. Bathurst Island, 60 miles NE of Darwin
  - 8. Bathurst Point, Rottnest Island
- 19. Bernier Island, Shark Bay
- 20. Binningup, approximately 15 miles N of Bunbury
- 21. Black Island, Abrolhos Islands
- 22. Bossut, southern point of La Grange Bay
- 23. Bowes River, 28 miles N of Geraldton
- 24. Broome, Roebuck Bay
- 25. Broome, Cocoanut Well
- 25a. Bunbury
- 26. Bunker Bay, 1½ miles E of Cape Naturaliste
- 28. Capel, 17 miles S of Bunbury
- 29. Cape Bossut
- 30. Calgadup Brook, near Margaret River S of Cape Naturaliste
- 30a. Cape Jervis, South Australia
- 31. Cape Leeuwin
- 32. Cape Naturaliste

- 33. Cape Preston, Onslow
- 34. Cape Villaret, 30 miles N of Broome
- 34a. Carnac Island, just N of Garden Island
- 35. Carnarvon
- 36. Cervantes Island
- 37. Chabjuwardoo Bay, S of Point Cloates
- 38. Coburn
- 39. Cockburn Sound, S of Fremantle
- 40. Cockburn Sound, Pamelia Bank off Woodman's Point
- 41. Cockatoo Island, Buccaneer Archipelago
- 42. Cottesloe Beach, Perth
- 43. Cowrie Creek, 35 miles S of Port Hedland
- 44. Cambridge Gulf, Wyndham, 250 miles S of Darwin
- 45. Darwin
- 46. Delambre Island, Dampier Archipelago
- 47. Direction Island, 7 miles NE of Onslow
- 48. Dirk Hartog Island, adjacent to Shark Bay
- 49. Dixon Island, off Port Samson
- 52. Dongara



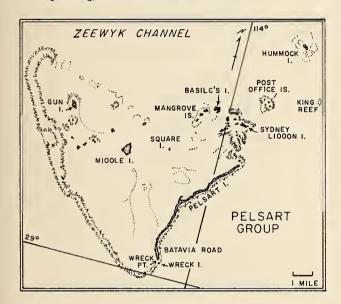
- 53. Dongara, Leander Reef
  Dongara, Turtle Dove Shoal see 156
- 54. Dorre Island, S of Bernier Island, Shark Bay
- 57. Eagle Nest Island, Abrolhos Islands
- 58. Eagle Nest Island (south island), Abrollios Islands
- 59. Enderby Island, Dampier Archipelago

- 59a. Esperance, South Australia
- 60. Exmouth Gulf
- 61. Fremantle
- 61a. Fremantle, off entrance to Swan River in 30 feet, on sponge
- 62. Far Eastern Islands (3), Abrolhos Islands



- 62a. False Entrance, 12 miles SSE of Steep Point, outer Denham peninsula
- 63. Flat Reef, west end of West Wallabi Island, Abrolhos Islands
- 64. "Five Mile Beach," 5 miles S of Vlaming Head, N. W. Cape
- 65. Garden Island
- 66. Geelvink Channel, Abrolhos Islands
- 67. Geographe Bay
- 68. Geraldton
- 69. Glenroy Station, 10 miles S of Onslow
- 71. Good Friday Bay, N of Rat Island, Abrolhos Islands
- 71a. Green Head, approximately 140 miles N of Perth
- 71b. Grindal Island, near Port Lincoln, South Australia
- 72. Gun Island, Abrolhos Islands
- 75. Helsinki (Finn) Island, Abrolhos Islands
- 76. Hopetown Beach, south coast of West Australia
- 78. Jurien Bay, N of Hill River, 75 miles S of Dongara
- 79. Jurien Bay, 3 miles off North Head
- 80. King Sound
- 81. King Sound, Disaster Bay
- 82. King Sound, Dugong Bay
- 83. Koks Island, off N tip of Bernier Island, Shark Bay
- 85. Lancelin Island, adjacent to Cervantes Island
- 86. Learmouth, 30 miles S of Vlaming Head in Exmouth Gulf
- 87. Ledge Point, 80 miles N of Perth (30 fathoms)
- 88. Leighton Beach, adjacent to Perth
- 89. Lco's Island (Anttila), Abrolhos Islands
- 90. Little Italy Island, Abrolhos Islands
- 91. Little North Island, Abrolhos Islands
- 92. Little White Island, Abrolhos Islands
- 93. Locker Island, 30 miles SW of Onslow
- 94. Long Island, 32 miles W of Onslow
- 95. Ludlow, 8 miles N of Busselton

- Mandurah, approximately 35 miles S of Fremantle
- 98. Maud's Landing, approximately 135 miles N of Carnarvon
- 99. Middle Channel, Abrolhos Islands
- 100. Middle Island, Abrolhos Islands
- 101. Moore River, approximately 55 miles N of Perth
- 102. Ningaloo Woolshed, 200 miles N of Carnarvon
- 103. Nickol Bay, 25 miles S of Roebourne
- 104. North Island, Wallabi Group, Abrolhos Islands
- 104a. North Island, Wallabi Group, SW Bank
- Norwegian Bay, Whaling Station N of Point Cloates
- North West Cape
- Quondong, 35 miles N of Broome 107.



- 108. Onslow
- 109. Onslow, 10 miles south of -
- 110. Passage Island, Abrolhos Islands
- 111. Pelsart Island, Abrolhos Islands
- 112. Pender Bay, approximately 150 miles N of Broome
- 113. Pender Bay, Bell Point
- 114. Point Locker, 50 miles S of Onslow
- 115. Point Murrat, Exmouth Gulf
- 116. Point Samson, 9 miles N of Roebourne
- 117. Point Cloates, 75 miles S of Vlaming Head Light, N. W. Cape
- 117a. Port Darwin
- 118. Port Denison Beach, 15 miles SW of Dongara
- Port Hedland 119.
- Port Lincoln, South Australia
- Price Point, 40 miles N of Broome
- 121a. Quindalup, Gcographe Bay
- 124. Quondong, 35 miles N of Broome
- 125. Quobba Point, 40 miles N of Carnarvon
- 126. Port Hedland, Finicane Island, 1/4 mile off-shore
- 130. Rat Island, Abrolhos Islands
- 131. Rottnest Island, 12 miles NW of Fremantle
- 132. Rottnest Island, 5 miles NW of -, in 75 fathoms
- 133. Rottnest Island, Bathurst Point
- 134. Rottnest Island, Ricey Beach
- 135. Round Island, 2 miles E of Long Island

- 136. Roebourne, Tonymia
- Roebuck Bay, Middle Bank 137.
- 140 Sandy Island (north), Abrolhos Islands
- Sandy Island (south), Abrolhos Islands
- 142. Shark Bay
- 143. Shark Bay, False Entrance
- Shark Bay, South Passage 144.
- Sorrento Beach (Sorrento Reef)
- Sydney Liddon Island, Abrolhos Islands
- Snag Island, 100 miles S of Geraldton
- Tautibiddi Well, approximately 10 miles S of Vlaming Head, N. W. Cape
- 151. Taylor's Island, 20 miles S of Port Lincoln, South Australia
- "The Flats," oceanward, S of Pelsart Island, in 35 fathoms, Abrolhos Islands
- 153. Thevenard Island, 15 miles NW of Onslow
- 154. Thompson's Bay, NW side of Rottnest Island
- Torloise Island, 15 miles W of Onslow
- Turtle Dove Reef-Shoal, 37 miles WSW of Dongara 156.
- Twin Island, 9 miles ENE of Onslow 157.
- 159. Vlaming Head, North West Cape
- 160. Vlaming Head, North West Cape, 4 miles SW of -
- 162. Wallabi Island (east), Abrolhos Islands
- 163. Wallabi Island (west), south side, Abrolhos Islands
- 164. Wedge Island, near Port Lincoln, South Australia
- 165. West Bank, 6 miles WNW of North Island, Abrolhos Islands
- 166. West Lewis Island, Dampier Archipelago
- 167 White Island, Abrolhos Islands
- Windy Harbor, Cape D'Entrecasteaux, SW Australia 168.
- 169. Woodcock Island, Abrolhos Islands
- 170. Wooded Island, Abrolhos Islands
- 171. Wreck Point, W-end of Pelsart Island, Abrolhos Islands
- 172. Woodman's Point, 11 miles S of Fremantle
- 175. Yallingup, approximately 157 miles S of Fremantle
- 176. Yardie Creek, approximately 7 miles S of Vlaming Head, N. W. Cape
- 177. Yardie Creek, 11 miles S of N. W. Cape
- Yardie Creek, 20 miles S of N. W. Cape
- Zeewyk Channel, Abrolhos Islands

#### INDEX OF SPECIES

adusta 220	chinensis 221, 232
angustata229	cicercula 219, 227
annulus 219, 227	citrinicolor 219, 228
arabica 218, 226	clandestina 220, 221, 230
argus 219, 226	comptoni226
asellus 220, 230	continens 220, 229
bicolor 229	contraria 220, 229
bizonata 221, 231	coxi 220, 229
blaesa 220, 230	crakei 221, 230, 231
brevidentata 221, 232	cribraria 221, 232
brunnescens 218, 226	cylindrica 220, 230
cameroni 221, 232	dampierensis 221, 231
caputserpentis 219, 228	decipiens 218, 225
carneola 219, 227	diversa 220, 228
catei 213, 218, 221	dorsalis 220, 229
caurica 220, 230	eglantina 218, 226
cernica 219, 228	episema224

erosa 219, 220, 228	pardalis 218, 226
errones 220, 229	perconfusa 218, 225
facifer 220, 229	piperita 220, 229
fallax 221, 232	poraria 219, 228
felina 220, 230	pulicaria 220, 229
fimbriata 221, 231	purissima 220, 228
fluctuans221	pyriformis 220, 229
friendii 212, 213, 214	quadrimaculata 221, 231
	reevei 213, 219, 226, 227
gedlingae 219, 227	reticulum 219, 228
globulus 219, 227	rhinoccros221
gracilis 221, 231	rhomboides 219, 227
hammondae 221, 231	rosselli 213, 218, 225
helvola 219, 228	rumphii 219, 227
hilda 221, 231	saulae 212, 221, 230, 231
hirundo 221, 232	siasiensis 230, 231
histrio 218, 226, 228	simulans 221, 231
isabella 219, 227	smithi 220, 229
jeaniana 218, 222, 223	sorrentensis 224
kenyonae 219, 228	sowerbyana 220, 230
kieneri 221, 231	staphylaea 220, 229
labrolineata 219, 228	stolida 221, 232
leviathan 212, 219, 227	subviridis 220, 229
limacina 220, 229	talpa 218, 226
listeri 220	teres 221, 231
lurida 219	thatchcri224
lutea 221, 231	thersites 222, 223
lynx 218, 219, 226	thiclei 221, 231
maculifera226	tigris 219, 226
marginata 213, 218, 224, 225	turdus 220, 228
mauritiana218	ursellus 221, 232
media218	vanelli 219, 226
melvilli 220, 230	venusta 213, 218, 223, 224
miliaris 220, 228	vercoi 213, 214, 222, 223
moneta 219, 227	viridicolor 219, 228
nucleus 220, 229	vitellus 219, 226
nugata230	
onyx 220	
ovum 220, 229	
pallidula 221, 231	ziczac 221, 231

## SYSTEMATIC LIST

CYPRAEIDAE FLEMING, 1828
Hist. Brit. Anim., 330 (cm.) (Edinburgh)

CYPRAEORBINAE SCHILDER, 1939
Arch. Molluskenk. 71: 165

Bernayini Schilder, 1927 Arch. Naturgesch. 91/A 10: 88

> Bernaya Jousseaume, 1884 (Naturaliste 1884: 414, nom. nud.) Bull. Soc. Zool. France 9: 88; 1884

(Bernaya) JOUSSEAUME, 1884

> Type species: Cypraca media Deshayes, 1835 <
Descr. coq. foss. envir. Paris 2, 723, 95: 37 - 38

1. Bernaya (Bernaya) catci Schilder, 1963
The Veliger 5 (4): 127

Zoila JOUSSEAUME, 1884 (Naturaliste 1884: 414, nom. nud.) Bull. Soc. Zool. France 9: 89; 1884

> Type species: Cypraca friendii GRAY, 1831 <

Zoila friendii friendii (GRAY, 1831)
 Zool. Misc. 1: 35

3. Zoila friendii jeaniana CATE, subspec. nov.

4. Zoila venusta (Sowerby, 1846)
Proc. Linn. Soc. London, prt. 1: 314

5. Zoila marginata (GASKOIN, 1849)
Proc. Zool. Soc. London for 1848: 91

6. Zoila rosselli Cotton, 1948
Trans. Roy. Soc. So. Austral. 72 (1): 30; plt. 1

7. Zoila decipiens (E. A. SMITH, 1880) Proc. Zool. Soc. London for 1880: 482; plt. 48, fig. 8

Mauritia Troschel, 1863

Das Gebiß der Schnecken 1: 205

> Type Species: Cypraea mauritiana Linnaeus, 1758 < Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 721

(Arabica) JOUSSEAUME, 1884
Naturaliste 1884: 414

> Type species: Cypraca arabica Linnaeus, 1758 < Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 718

8. Mauritia (Arabica) eglantina perconfusa IREDALE, 1935

Austral. Zoologist 8 (2): 108

9. Mauritia (Arabica) arabica brunnescens Cate, 1964 The Veliger 7 (1): 24; plt. 5, figs. 3a, 3b

10. Mauritia (Arabica) histrio westralis (IREDALE, 1935) Austral. Zoologist 8 (2): 108

Talparia TROSCHEL, 1863

Das Gebiß der Schnecken 1: 204

> Type Species: Cypraca talpa Linnaeus, 1758 <

11. Talparia talpa talpa (LINNAEUS, 1758)
Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 720

Cypraca Linnaeus, 1758 Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 718

(cm.) Montfort, P. Denys de, 1810

Conchyl. Syst. 2: 630

> Type Species: Cypraca tigris Linnaeus, 1758 <

(Cypraea) LINNAEUS, 1758

12. Cypraca (Cypraca) tigris pardalis SHAW, 1795 Vivar. Natur. Misc. 6: plt. 193 (Lyncina) TROSCHEL, 1863

Das Gebiß der Schnecken 1: 205

> Type Species: Cypraea lynx Linnaeus, 1758 <

Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 721

13. Cypraea (Lyncina) argus argus LINNAEUS, 1758 Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 719

14. Cypraea (Lyncina) lynx vanelli Linnaeus, 1758 Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 720

Cypraea (Lyncina) vitellus vitellus Linnaeus, 1758
 Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 721

16. Cypraea (Lyncina) reevei Sowerby, 1832

Conch. Illustr. (London) fig. 52 17. Cypraea (Lyncina) carneola carneola Linnaeus, 1758 Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 719

18. Cypraea (Lyncina) leviathan gedlingae Cate, subspec. nov.

Luria Jousseaume, 1884

Bull. Soc. Zool. France 9: 92 (Naturaliste 1884: 414, nom. nud.)

> Type Species: Cypraea lurida Linnaeus, 1758 < Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 720

(Basilitrona) IREDALE, 1930

Mem. Queensld. Mus. 10 (1): 83

> Type Species: Cypraea isabella Linnaeus, 1758 < Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 722

19. Luria (Basilitrona) isabella rumphii

Schilder & Schilder, 1938

Proc. Malacol. Soc. London 23 (3-4): 177

NARIINAE SCHILDER, 1932 Foss. Cat. 1: Animalia, pars 55, Cypraeacea. 149

(Pustulariini Schilder, 1932)
Foss. Cat. 1: Animalia, pars 55, Cypraeacca. 149

Pustularia Swainson, 1840 Lardner's Encycl., p. 324

(Pustularia) Swainson, 1840 Lardner's Encycl., p. 324

> Type Species: Cypraea cicercula Linnaeus, 1758 < Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 725

20. Pustularia (Pustularia) cicercula cicercula (Linnaeus, 1758)

Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 725

21. Pustularia (Pustularia) globulus globulus (LINNAEUS, 1758)
Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 725

Nariini Schilder, 1932 Foss. Cat. 1: Animalia, pars 55, Cypraeacea: 159 Monetaria Troschel, 1863

Das Gebiß der Schnecken 1: 205

> Type Species: Cypraea moneta Linnaeus, 1758 < Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 723

Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 72

(Ornamentaria) SCHILDER &

Schilder, 1936

Proc. Zool. Soc. London 1936: 1120

> Type Species: Cypraea annulus LINNAEUS, 1758 < Systema Naturac, ed. 10: 723

22. Monetaria (Ornamentaria) annulus annulus (Linnaeus, 1758)

Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 723

(Monetaria) TROSCHEL, 1863

Das Gebiß der Schnecken 1: 205

23. Monetaria (Monetaria) moneta rhomboides
Schilder & Schilder, 1933

Zool. Meded. Leiden 16: 163

Erosaria Troschel, 1863

Das Gebiß der Schnecken 1: 205 > Type Species: Cypraea erosa Linnaeus, 1758 <

Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 723

(Ravitrona) IREDALE, 1930

Mem. Queensld. Mus. 10 (1): 82

> Type Species: Cypraea caputserpentis Linnaeus, 1758 < Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 720

24. Erosaria (Ravitrona) labrolineata labrolineata (Gaskoin, 1849)

Proc. Zool. Soc. London for 1848: 97

Erosaria (Ravitrona) cernica viridicolor (CATE, 1962)
 The Veliger 4 (4): 175; plt. 40, figs. 1 - 9

26. Erosaria (Ravitrona) helvola citrinicolor IREDALE, 1935

Austral. Zoologist 8 (2): 116

27. Erosaria (Ravitrona) caputserpentis reticulum (GMELIN, 1791)

Systema Naturae, ed. 13: 3407

28. Erosaria (Ravitrona) caputserpentis kenyonae Schilder & Schilder, 1938

Proc. Malac. Soc. London 23 (3): 136

ibid. 3: 77, fig. 2

(Erosaria) TROSCHEL, 1863

Das Gebiß der Schnecken 1: 205

> Type Species: Cypraea erosa Linnaeus, 1758 <

Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 723

29. Erosaria (Erosaria) poraria poraria (LINNAEUS, 1758)

Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 724

30. Erosaria (Erosaria) erosa purissima (VREDENBURG, 1919)

Journ. Asiat. Soc. Bengal 15: 143

31. Erosaria (Erosaria) miliaris diversa (Kenyon, 1902) Journ. Conch. 10: 184

32. Erosaria (Erosaria) turdus turdus (LAMARCK, 1810)
Ann. Mus. Hist. Nat. Paris 6: 74

Staphylaea Jousseaume, 1884 Naturaliste 1884: 415

(Staphylaea) JOUSSEAUME, 1884
> Type Species: Cypraea staphylaea Linnaeus, 1758 <
Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 725

33. Staphylaea (Staphylaea) staphylaea staphylaea (Linnaeus, 1758)
Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 725

34. Staphylaea (Staphylaea) limacina facifer (IREDALE, 1935)

Austral. Zool. 8 (2): 119; plt. 8, fig. 6

(Nuclearia) JOUSSEAUME, 1884 Bull. Soc. Zool. France 9: 98 (Naturaliste 1884: 415, nom. nud.)

> Type Species: Cypraea nucleus Linnaeus, 1758 < Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 724

35. Staphylaea (Nuclearia) nucleus nucleus
(LINNAEUS, 1758)
Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 724

Notocypraea Schilder, 1927
Arch. Naturgesch. 91/A 10: 110
> Type species: Cypraea piperita Gray, 1825 <

Zool. Journ. 1: 498 (Solander MS)

(Guttacypraea) Iredale, 1935

Austral. Zool. 8 (2): 134

> Type species: Cypraea pulicaria Reeve, 1846 < Conch. Icon. sp. 84, plt. 17, f. 84

36. Notocypraea (Guttacypraea) pulicaria (Reeve, 1846) Conch. Icon. 3: Cypraea, fig. 84

(Notocypraea) Schilder, 1927

> Type species: Cypraea piperita Gray, 1825 <

Zool. Journ. 1: 498 (Solander MS)

37. Notocypraea (Notocypraea) piperita (GRAY, 1825) Zool. Journ. 1: 498 (SOLANDER MS)

> Cypraeovulinae Schilder, 1930 Proc. Malacol. Soc. London 19: 120

Erroneini Schilder, 1927 Arch. Naturgesch. 91/A 10: 109 Erronea Troschel, 1863

Das Gebiß der Schnecken 1: 205

> Type Species: Cypraea crrones Linnaeus, 1758 <

(Adusta) Jousseaume, 1884

Naturaliste 1884: 414

> Type Species: Cypraea adusta Lamarck, 1810 < Ann. Mus. Hist. Nat. 16: 92

= Cypraea onyx Linnaeus, 1758

Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 722

38. Erronea (Adusta) subviridis dorsalis
Schilder & Schilder, 1938

Proc. Malacol. Soc. London 23 (3): 149

39. Erronea (Adusta) pyriformis smithi (Sowerby, 1881)
Proc. Zool. Soc. London for 1881: 638

40. Erronea (Adusta) walkeri continens (IREDALE, 1935) Austral. Zoologist 8 (2): 127

(Erronea) Troschel, 1863

Das Gebiß der Schnecken 1: 205

> Type Species: Cypraea errones Linnaeus, 1758 <

Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 723

41. Erronea (Erronea) ovum ovum (GMELIN, 1791)
Systema Naturae, ed. 13: 3412

42. Erronea (Erronea) errones coxi (Brazier, 1872) Proc. Zool. Soc. London for 1872: 617

43. Erronea (Erronea) cylindrica sowerbyana Schilder, 1932

Foss. Cat. 1: Animalia, pars 55, Cypraeacea, 192

44. Erronea (Erronea) caurica blaesa IREDALE, 1939 Austral. Zoologist 9 (3): 322

(Melicerona) IREDALE, 1930

Mem. Qucensld. Mus. 10 (1): 83

> Type Species: Cypraea listeri Gray, 1824 <

Zool. Journ. 1: 384 = Cypraea felina GMELIN, 1791

Systema Naturae, ed. 13: 3412

45. Erronea (Melicerona) felina melvilli (Hidalgo, 1906) Mem. Acad. Cienc. Madrid 25: 180

> Palmadusta IREDALE, 1930 Mem. Queensld. Mus. 10 (1): 82

(Palmadusta) IREDALE, 1930

> Type species: Cypraea clandestina Linnaeus, 1767 <
Systema Naturae, ed. 12: 1177

46. Palmadusta (Palmadusta) asellus asellus (Linnaeus, 1758)
Systema Naturae, cd. 10: 722

47. Palmadusta (Palmadusta) clandestina clandestina (LINNAEUS, 1767)

Systema Naturae, ed. 12: 1177

- 48. Palmadusta (Palmadusta) saulae crakei CATE, subspec. nov.
- 49. Palmadusta (Palmadusta) lutea bizonata IREDALE, 1935

Austral. Zoologist 8 (2): 126

50. Palmadusta (Palmadusta) ziczac ziczac (Linnaeus, 1758)

Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 722

(Purpuradusta) Schilder, 1939

Arch. Molluskenk. 71: 165

> Type Species: Cypraea fimbriata Gmelin, 1791 <

- > Type Species: Cypraea fimbriata GMELIN, 1791 < Systema Naturae, ed. 13: 3420
- 51. Palmadusta (Purpuradusta) gracilis hilda (IREDALE, 1939)

Austral. Zoologist 9 (3): 312

52. Palmadusta (Purpuradusta) fimbriata fimbriata (GMELIN, 1791)

Systema Naturae, ed. 13: 3420

53. Palmadusta (Purpuradusta) hammondae dampierensis Schilder & Cernohorsky, 1965

The Veliger 7 (4): 225; plt. 29, figs. 1, 2

Bistolida Cossmann, 1920

Rev. Crit. Paléozool. 24: 83 > Type Species: Cypraea stolida Linnaeus, 1758 <

> Type Species: Cypraea stolida Linnaeus, 1/58 < Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 724

(Blasicrura) IREDALE, 1930

Mem. Queensld. Mus. 10 (1): 84

> Type Species: Cypraea rhinoceros Souverbie, 1865 < Journ. Conchyl. 13: 156; plt. 511

= Cypraea pallidula Gaskoin, 1849

Proc. Zool. Soc. London for 1848: 97 (Mar. '49)

54. Bistolida (Blasicrura) quadrimaculata thielei
SCHILDER & SCHILDER, 1938
Proc. Malacol. Soc. London 23 (3): 164

55. Bistolida (Blasicrura) pallidula simulans
Schilder & Schilder, 1940

Arch. Molluskenk. 72: 42

56. Bistolida (Blasicrura) teres teres (GMELIN, 1791) Systema Naturae, ed. 13: 3405

(Derstolida) IREDALE, 1935

Austral. Zoologist 8 (2): 121

> Type species: Derstolida fluctuans IREDALE, 1935 <

Austral. Zoologist 8 (2): 121 = Cypraea brevidentata Sowerby, 1870

Thesaur. Conch. (4): 11; fig. 325

Bistolida (Derstolida) kieneri kieneri (HIDALGO, 1906)
 Mem. Acad. Cienc. Madrid 25: 177

58. Bistolida (Derstolida) hirundo cameroni (IREDALE, 1939)

Austral. Zool. 9 (3): 314; plt. 28, figs. 29 - 31

59. Bistolida (Derstolida) ursellus ursellus (GMELIN, 1791) Systema Naturae, ed. 13: 3411

(Bistolida) Cossmann, 1920

Rev. Crit. Paléozool. 24: 83

> Type Species: Cypraea stolida Linnaeus, 1758 < Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 724

60. Bistolida (Bistolida) stolida stolida (Linnaeus, 1758) Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 724

61. Bistolida (Bistolida) brevidentata (Sowerby, 1870) Thes. Conch. 4 (30): 11; plt. 30, figs. 325 - 326

Cribrarula STRAND, 1929

Acta Univ. Latv. 20: 8

Syn.: Cribraria Jousseaume, 1884 (twice preoccupied)
Bull. Soc. Zool. France 9: 94

> Type Species: Cypraea cribraria Linnaeus, 1758 < Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 723

(Ovatipsa) IREDALE, 1931

Rec. Austral. Mus. 18 (4): 219

> Type Species: Cypraca chinensis Gmelin, 1791 < Systema Naturae, ed. 13: 3421

62. Cribrarula (Ovatipsa) chinensis whitworthi (Cate, 1964)

The Veliger 7 (1): 20; plt. 5, figs. 2a, 2b

(Cribrarula) STRAND, 1929

> Type species: Cypraea cribraria Linnaeus, 1758 < Systema Naturae, ed. 10: 723

63. Cribrarula (Cribrarula) cribraria fallax
(E. A. SMITH, 1881)
Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist., scr. 5, 8: 441

#### DISCUSSION OF THE SPECIES

1. Bernaya (Bernaya) catei Schilder, 1963 (Plate 21, Figure 1)

Locality: 163

(75.7 49.4 39.8 23 17)

CATE (1964, p. 21, no. 41)

This is a unique specimen, collected by a crayfisherman during the autumn of 1960, on a western beach of West Wallabi Island, Houtman Abrolhos Islands. The holotype is no. 12756 in the California Academy of Sciences, Department of Geology Type collection.

## 2. Zoila friendii friendii (GRAY, 1831) (Plate 24, Figure 12)

Localities: 18, 19, 25a, 28, 31, 35, 38, 54, 61a, 65, 83, 95, 98, 99, 118, 121a, 142, 143, 145, 172 (66.7 35.3 27.3 22 6)

CATE (1964, p. 23, no. 47)

A specimen was collected in 10 feet of water on brown sponge, \(\frac{3}{4}\) mile off Sorrento Beach (145); collectors: B. R. Wilson and R. W. George; January 10, 1962; Cate coll. no. C 3404.

Four animals (2 of them subadult) were collected in 12 feet of water, living on orange sponge and *Pinna* shells; Cockburn, off Woodmans Point on the Parmelia Bank; collector: N. Mills, St. James Park, West Australia; February 1964; Cate coll. no. C 3405.

Much has been written about these shells, including the broad forms occurring in southwestern Australia east of Cape Leeuwin. However, it is interesting to note that Hedley (1916) did not mention this species while listing the mollusks of Western Australia.

In recent years a concerted effort has been made to ascertain the exact number of cypracid species now living in the West Australian coastal waters. Concurrently, a study of the ranges of their occurrence has been carried on as well. Pertinent to this report has been the consideration of this particular species and its development and living aspects, as we were able to find them. It was noted that Zoila friendii and its variations (excluding the subspecies Z. f. thersites (GASKOIN, 1849) and its color variant named contraria by IREDALE in 1935, appears to range from Esperance, in southwest Australia, northward along the west coast to an obscure point to the north of Sorrento Beach.

It should be noted that the largest specimens of Zoila friendii friendii (Cate coll. no. C 3404: 99.5 51.5 38.3 28 7) seem to be found in shallow water (10 feet) about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile offshore at Sorrento Beach. The specimens exhibit no hint of change in shell form at this locality where the species approaches the northern end of its range. Shells here possess the typical rudimentary abapical columellar teeth, which are large and stubby.

Recent discovery has brought to light a new cowrie form living in the deep waters west of Shark Bay. In 1965 the brothers William and Wilfred Poole, fishing out of Fremantle, were trawling in the area west of the Dorre-Bernier-Koks Island chain (25° 00′ S Long.; 113° 08′ E Lat.), approximately 40 miles west of Carnarvon. Along with the outer peninsula of Denham Sound and Dirk Hartog Island, these islands form the western perimeter of Shark Bay. It is said the Poole brothers found 10 shells in about 60 fathoms of water. It is further believed other specimens have since been taken from this area. Wilson

& SUMMERS (1966) list specimens as having been taken "off Geraldton," and from False Entrance (False Entrance is 12 miles south of Steep Point, which marks the southern shoreline of South Passage; South Passage is the waterway separating the mainland and Dirk Hartog Island).

On examination, the Dorre-Bernier-Koks Island shells appear to be morphologically distinct from those found at Sorrento Beach. I have compared them with 31 shells in my collection, among which are specimens representing most of the known localities for this species on the southwest coast and east into South Australia. In addition, I was able to examine the shells in both the South Australian Museum, Adelaide, and the West Australian Museum, Perth. Except for the obvious morphological change as observed in the South Australian Zoila friendii vercoi (Plate 23, Figure 11), the species elsewhere was noteworthy for its normally uniform shell shape and apertural count and arrangement. Even so, despite this broader shell growth in the south coast shells, they are all typical Z f. friendii in general overall shape and dentition.

The Dorre-Bernier-Koks Island shells, on the other hand, are not typical, in my opinion. I have examined 6 of these shells and find them to be distinctly different from any other allopatric form in the *Zoila friendii* species complex. The differences will be discussed further in the following subspecies.

# 3. Zoila friendii jeaniana CATE, subspec. nov. (Plate 24, Figure 13)

Localities: 62a, 68, 71a, 83

Shell large, strong, lightweight, humped, globular-ovate; base sloping inward from outer margins; lip base flat, eolumellar base perceptibly convex; terminals prominent, thin-sided, sharply edged, and more thickly and roundly formed in front; margins acutely angled, only thinly calloused, vertically broad, with granular texture; aperture straight, eurving abruptly left adapically; teeth numerous, medium in length, strong, well defined, particularly on abaxial margin of fossula; fossula deep, without denticles, milk-white in color; primary shell color on dorsum light grey, with approximately three narrow white transverse bands, all of which can be seen through an irregular outer layer of light ehestnut-brown, which becomes an irregular, darker color immediately above the lateral margin; broad margins are off-white, with faint touches of beige, loosely marked otherwise with large, dark brown spots; base dark ehestnut-brown, with same coloring extending over half the length of teeth and interstices; other half of teeth and interstices off-white.

Zoila friendii jeaniana differs from Z. f. friendii (GRAY, 1831) in being a shorter, broader, more humped, more globular-ovate shell; in having a full complement of



Figure 1

Bernaya catei Schilder, 1963 (holotype) x 1



Figure 2

Zoila episema Iredale, 1939 (holotype) x 1

= Zoila venusta (Sowerby, 1846)



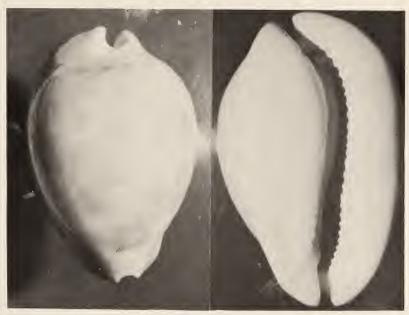


Figure 3

Zoila venusta (Sowerby, 1846) x 1

(Color Variant)

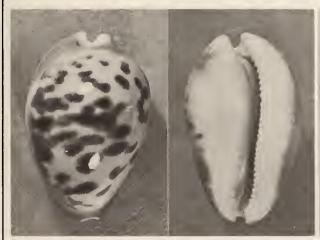


Figure 4
Zoila venusta (Sowerby, 1846)  $x \frac{1}{2}$ Geographe Bay

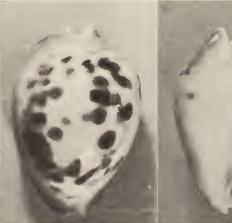


Figure 5
Zoila venusta (Sowerby, 1846) x  $\frac{2}{3}$ Binningup



teeth on both lip and columella; in having broad off-white lateral margins with large brown spots; in having, in some specimens, an abruptly curved adaptical terminal opening; in having an unusual color pattern in the dorsal nacre.

Zoila friendii jeaniana differs from Z. friendii thersites (GASKOIN, 1849), a subspecies restricted almost entirely to South Australia, by a more pyriform, globular-ovate shell; by the base and part of the teeth being all brown; by the broad off-white spotted margins; and by the more numerous teeth on the apertural edges.

The holotype will be deposited in the West Australian Museum, where it will bear the catalogue number WAM 1320-67. This new form of *Zoila friendii* has been named in honor of Mrs. Jean Cate, Los Angeles, whose contributions to malacology and its literature are well known.

A further consideration of consequence is a geographical separation between the living areas of the new form and the nominate species, *Zoila friendii friendii* from Sorrento Beach of approximately 500 miles. It seems probable that somewhere between these two localities there may be an overlapping in the ranges of the two subspecies. This possibility can be seen in the specimen listed

as hypotype no. 5 (85.8 52.0 43.0 31 29) from Green Head, which is about 100 miles north of Sorrento Beach. It possesses some morphological affinity to Z. f. friendii, yet at the same time displaying more of the shell characters of Z. f. jeaniana, suggesting that the Green Head area could be the point of change in the species.

The specimen from Green Head seems to be analogous to the pale color forms of Zoila venusta and Z. friendii thersites (the color form of the latter subspecies known as "Z. contraria" IREDALE, 1935). The pale form of Z. f. jeaniana is a pale off-white with pale beige, irregular markings, shading to a more intense pale orange color on either side of both terminals; the base is milk-white, and the teeth are numerous.

Since having completed this report 3 additional specimens have come to hand; one was trawled in deep water off Quobba Point. Jack Allen, a fisherman, of Babbage Island off Carnarvon, was the collector (June 1967), and the specimen was a gift to me from Mr. George Barker of Geraldton. This shell (68.5 45.5 38.3 32 27), Cate coll. no. C 3504, will be identified as hypotype no. 2. The other two animals were trawled at 30 fathoms, 4 miles west of Quobba Point, July 1, 1967 (collector not deter-

Table 1

Measurements (in millimeters) and other data, for comparison									
				Lip	Col.		Specimen		
Species	Length	Width	Height	Teeth	Teeth	Locality	Ident.	Disposition of Shells	
Zoila friendii jeaniana									
subspec. nov.									
	75.7	50.0	40.7	33	29	83	Holotype	West Australian Museum no. WAM 1320-67	
	75.6	50.5	41.4	32	17+	83	Paratype 1	Ned Harrold coll., Perth	
(subadult)	67.4	45.3	39.0	28	26	83	Paratype 2	Anthony Kalnins, Mayfields, W. A.	
	73.1	47.6	39.0	28	22	83	Paratype 3	Theodore Gurr, Carlisle, W. A.	
	69.3	45.2	36.1	28	21	83	Paratype 4	Theodore Gurr, Carlisle, W.A.	
	85.8	52.0	43.0	31	29	71a	Hypotype 1	Ned Harrold, Victoria Park, W. Λ.	
Zoila friendii frie	ndii								
	99.3	51.6	38.3	27	7	145	Hypotype 1	Cate coll. no. C 3404	
	70.9	41.0	34.0	27	7	172	Hypotype 2	Cate coll. no. C 3497	
	72.4	37.4	29.5	21	6	172	Hypotype 3	Cate coll. no. C 3497	
	73.8	38.6	31.1	25	8	61a	Hypotype 4	Cate coll. no. C 1712	
	73.4	38.0	31.0	27	7	61a	Hypotype 5	Cate coll. no. C 1712	
	80.0	40.0	31.0	25	7	121a	Hypotype 6	Cate coll. no. C 3498	
	78.9	41.8	34.5	27	12	95	Hypotype 7	Cate coll. no. C 1711	
	68.5	36.0	28.6	24	11	95	Hypotype 8	Cate coll. no. C 1711	
	92.6	49.9	37.0	30	10	25a	Hypotype 9	Cate coll. no. C 3499	
	78.0	41.0	32.8	25	9	25a	Hypotype 10	Cate coll. no. C 3499	
Zoila friendii ver	coi								
·	83.3	53.1	39.0	26	10	2a	Hypotype 1	Cate coll. no. C 1706	
	76.8	49.2	35.4	24	9	59a	Hypotype 2	Cate coll. no. C 3500	
	73.8	44.0	34.3	22	5	59a	Hypotype 3	Cate coll. no. C 3501	

mined). These are from the Ned Harrold collection, Victoria Park, West Australia. They are the hypotypes no. 3 (68.0 46.8 35.7 29 27) and no. 4 (63.9 42.0 33.1 33 26).

The 9 shells of this new taxon that I have seen give a convincing indication that it should be considered a distinct species rather than only a subspecies; but until we know more about the animal's soft parts and radula and its still unknown habitat and geographical distribution, it seems best to take a conservative approach and consider it a subspecies of *Zoila friendii*.

4. Zoila venusta (Sowerby, 1846) (Plate 21 Figure 2 to Plate 23, Figure 10)

Syn.: C. venusta var. Sowerby, 1846 = Cypraea thatcheri Cox, 1869

Z. episema IREDALE, 1939

Z. sorrentensis Schilder, 1963

Localities: 14, 18, 20, 36, 39, 40, 42, 52, 65, 67, 71, 78, 79, 88, 97, 101, 145, 154, 163

(77.7 49.5 21.7 25 9)

CATE (1964, p. 22, no. 42)

Three specimens were found in 8 to 30 feet of water at Sorrento Beach (145), living on green algae under reef ledges, by N. Mills, St. James Park, West Australia in March 1963; Cate coll. no. C 3409. Another specimen, Cate coll. no. C 3410, was removed from a crayfish pot set in 19 fathoms, 5 miles west of Rat Island (130) by Joseph Burton, Geraldton, in August 1964. Still another specimen, Cate coll. no. C 3406, was collected by fisherman Gordon McAulley, Geraldton, in January 1965 from a crayfish pot set in 28 fathoms about 22 miles west of Dongara (52). Two specimens were collected in 20 feet of water with SCUBA gear, 12 miles south of Mandurah (97) in 1961; Cate coll. no. C 3408. One animal was found living in a marine cave at 10 fathoms off Binningup (20) in January 1964; ex. Edward Nickles, Mandurah; Cate coll. no. 3194. Yet another animal was found on the ceiling in a limestone cave in 30 feet of water at Rottnest Island (131), adjacent to the wreck of the ship Macedon; kelp and other seaweed was present; the collector was William Hill, Rottnest Island; October 1963; Cate coll. no. C 3023.

In Cate (1962), after examination of many specimens of Zoila venusta, and observing the gradual change in shell size and structure throughout its range, I was convinced that there was but one species involved, but with different local ecological variations to be seen at progressive localities. Shells in my collection, and those recently seen in the South Australian Museum, the West Australian Museum, and in numerous private collections (one of which contained approximately 40 specimens from the Sorrento Beach-Reef area!) in West Australia, appear

very definitely to have close affinity, all seeming to possess a common species character. The morphological change commences immediately, starting at Geographe Bay (see Plate 22, Figure 4), becoming obvious in the area of Binningup (Plate 22, Figure 5), then Mandurah (Plate 23, Figure 6), Rottnest Island (Plate 23, Figure 7), and attaining the greatest change in the waters just north of Fremantle, Sorrento Beach (Plate 23, Figure 8) to Jurien Bay (Plate 23, Figure 9), then receding back to "normal" size and shape at Dongara, Geraldton, Abrolhos Islands (Plate 23, Figure 10), and north to the Dampier Islands.

The point of recession from the Sorrento Bcach-Reef area variation scems to commence in the waters of Jurien Bay, and noticeably so at Dongara. It is true, the shells from north of Geraldton appear more bulbous, darker in color, and with a pinched, often-times narrower base and aperture (scc Plate 23, Figure 10). It would seem that none of the various changes in the shell, including the pale pinkish-beige to off-white variants (Plate 22, Figure 3) collected at Cervantes Island and Geographe Bay, are sufficient to justify considering them as more than localized variants. This appears to be particularly true because of the continuous range of the species, with no distinct natural barriers to interbreeding.

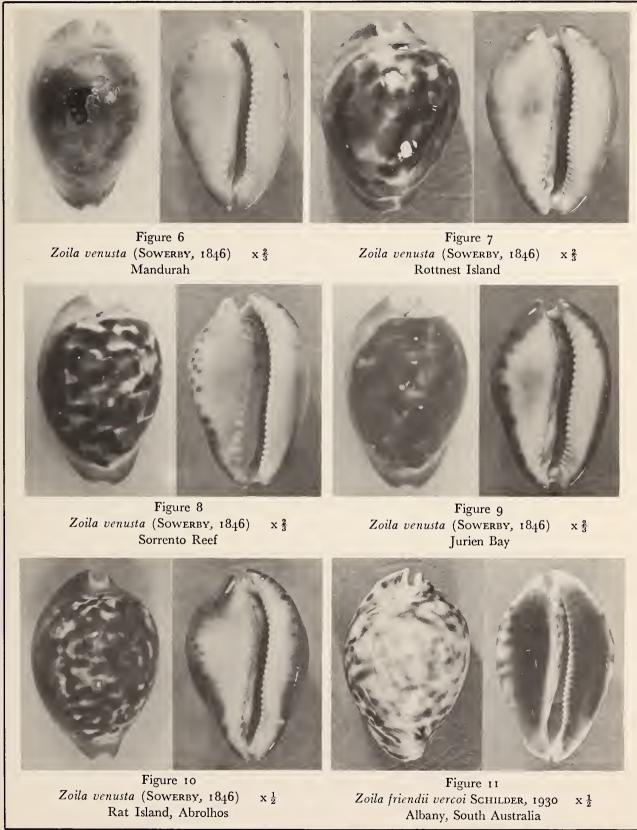
I have examined the pale colored shell variants collected at Cervantes Island (1) and Geographe Bay (3), one of these 3 in my own collection (no. C 3502: 73.2 48.3 38.8 25 13) that was trawled in 40 fathoms of water in 1950 by an unidentified Dutch fisherman. Mr. A. R. Whitworth obtained this shell from Arthur Bassett of Denham, Shark Bay, in 1960. The Cervantes specimen is in the Ned Harrold collection, Victoria Park; the other 2 of the 3 specimens from Geographe Bay are in the George Barker collection, Geraldton, and the Trevor Sutcliffe collection (see Schilder, 1966), Mount Yokine, Western Australia.

5. Zoila marginata (GASKOIN, 1849) (Plate 24, Figure 14)

Localitics: 2a, 3, 8, 30a, 34a, 36, 52, 53, 57, 67, 68, 71, 71b, 78, 83, 89, 118, 147, 151, 152, 162, 163, 180 (51.8 31.0 24.9 27 22)

CATE (1964, p. 23, no. 49)

A specimen was removed from a crayfish pot set at 28 fathoms 7 miles south of Long Island (94), ex Max Cramer, Geraldton; October 1953; Cate coll. no. C 2516. Another animal was removed from a crayfish pot set in 22 fathoms off Dongara (52) in September 1963. The collector was fisherman F. I. "Sonny" Healy, Dongara and the shell is in his collection. Still another specimen was found in a crayfish pot that had been set in 20 fathoms off Leander Reef (53), WSW of Dongara, collected by fisherman Edward Scabrook, Fisheries Department, Perth.



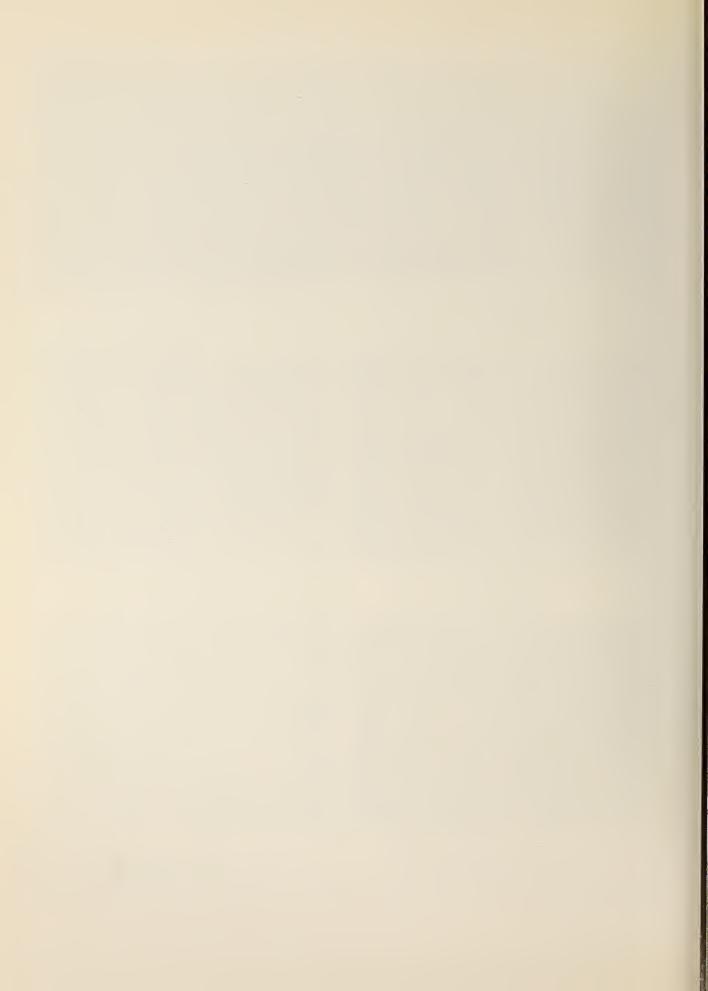




Figure 12

Zoila friendii friendii (GRAY, 1831) x ½

Geographe Bay

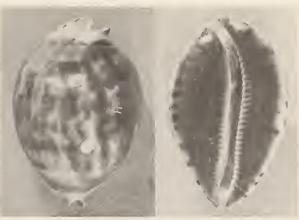


Figure 13

Zoila friendii jeaniana subspec. nov., x ½

Koks Island, West Australia

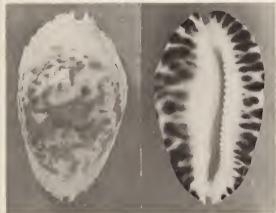


Figure 14

Zoila marginata (Gaskoin, 1849) x 1

Long Island, Abrolhos



Figure 15
Zoila rosselli Cotton, 1948 x 1
Rat Island, Abrolhos



Figure 16

Zoila decipiens (E. A. SMITH, 1880) x 1

Gourdon Bay, West Australia

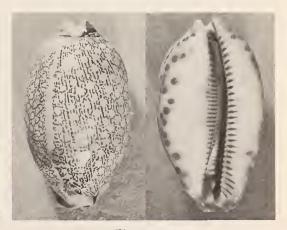


Figure 17

Mauritia eglantina perconfusa IREDALE, 1935 x  $\frac{2}{3}$ Roebuck Bay, West Australia

